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(Case No. 00-1278-C)

In the Application of:)
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Serial No.: 10/054,647) Art Unit: 1645
Filed: January 22, 2002) Examiner: Ford, Vanessa L.
For: Compositions and Methods for Detection)
Of Ehrlichia Canis and Ehrlichia)
Chaffeensis Antibodies)

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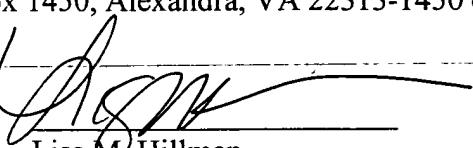
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In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a. Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (2 sheets);
 - b. Fifth Supplemental Form PTO-1449 (1 sheets);
 - c. 3 Cited References; and
 - d. Return Receipt Postcard.
2. With respect to fees:
A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed.
3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. **13-2490**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 35 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, the applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application, under 37 CFR 1.97(c). A check for one hundred eighty dollars (\$180) is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit our deposit account number 13-2490 for any over- or under-payment of fees. Copies of the references are enclosed. Copies are also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith. It is requested that the documents be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims, however no such admission is intended. 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (h). The references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is inteded as to the relative importance of any portion of the

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references. This Statement is not a representation that the cited references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 102 or 103.

Applicants would like to bring the following related applications to the Examiner's attention:

United States Patents

1. Barbet, et al. U.S. Patent 6,025,338, issued February 15, 2000.
2. Barbet, et al. U.S. Patent 6,251,872 issued June 26, 2001.
3. Barbet, et al. U.S. Patent 6,593,147 issued July 15, 2003.

Respectfully Submitted,

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